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THE SHAPE AIRLIFT STUDY - PHASE II

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SUMMARY: EARLY COMPLETION OF THE ANALYSIS OF SHAPE'S PHASE II
AIRLIFT STUDY BY THE AD HOC GROUP (AHG) OF CAPC IS STILL A PRIORITY
OBJECTIVE OF USNATO. FOLLOW-UP OF OTHER SACEUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN
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THE STUDY REQUIRES PROMPT ACTION BEFORE THE APPEARANCE OF PHASE II
OF THE TRI-MNC STUDY ON SEALIFT AND AIRLIFT. ACTION REQUESTED:
US CAPC REP, SHAPE, USEUCOM AND MAC COORDINATE PRESENTATION ON HOW
"NATO AIRLIFT POOL" CAN BE ESTABLISHED AND HOW OTHER FOLLOW-UP
ACTIONS, PARA 4, CAN BE INITIATED. END SUMMARY.

1. COMPLETION BY JUNE OF THE CAPC AHG'S REMAINING TASKS (REF A)
SHOULD BE STRESSED BY THE US REP AT THE FORTHCOMING CAPC MEETING
APRIL 13-14 AT NATO HQS. THAT IS, THE ANALYSIS OF THE SHAPE STUDY
BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, GROUND OPERATIONS AND TERMINAL CLEARANCE

SUB-GROUPS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO COMPLETION AT THE PROPOSED 24-26 MAY AHG MEETING. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OF SACEUR NEED TO BE TACKLED PROMPTLY.

2. USNATO RECOMMENDS THAT EXPLORATORY TALKS ON THE "NATO AIRLIFT POOL" BEGIN SOON. WE SUGGEST SHAPE, WITH SUPPORT OF USEUCOM AND MAC, BE PREPARED TO BRIEF AT THE CAPC APRIL MEETING ON HOW AN AIRLIFT POOL MIGHT BE REALIZED. THE BRIEFING SHOULD CONTAIN A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CAPC TO CONVENE THE "EXPLORATORY TALKS" IN MAY ALSO. NATO EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT AIRLINE ADMINISTRATORS AND SENIOR AIRLINE OPERATIONS PERSONNEL SHOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND. SINCE THIS MEETING IS BEING CALLED ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, IT IS SUGGESTED THESE TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS ATTENDANT THERETO SHOULD BE ON AN UNCLASSIFIED BASIS. A CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE PRESS AREA IS BEING PROVISIONALLY RESERVED FOR THESE TALKS. (ADMITTANCE TO THIS AREA DOES NOT REQUIRE A NATO SECURITY CLEARANCE). SUBSEQUENT MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, OF COURSE, WILL DEAL WITH CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

3. IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE AS TO "HOW" AN AIRLIFT POOL MIGHT BE FORMED, THE BOARD FOR THE COORDINATION OF CIVIL AVIATION (BOCCA) TRAINING SESSION (4-9 MARCH), AT SHAPE, CONDUCTED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF WINTEX77, WAS CONSIDERED A RESOUNDING SUCCESS. WITHIN THE TRAINING SESSION, THE "WHY" OF CIVIL AIRLIFT IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS WAS UNQUESTIONABLY PROVED TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS TRAINING (BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, FRANCE, FRG, GREECE, ITALY, CONFIDENTIAL

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NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, TURKEY AND US). THE DIFFICULTY OF CONVINCING NATO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO MAKE AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE IN A CRISIS SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. HOWEVER, WE HOPE NAC DISCUSSION OF A FORTHCOMING PO ON SACEUR'S RAPID REINFORCEMENT CONCEPT WILL PROVIDE THE POLITICAL WILL TO FACILITATE THESE PLANNING EFFORTS.

4. OTHER TASKS REMAIN TO BE TACKLED REGARDING AIRLIFT WHICH ARE OUTSIDE OF THE SHAPE PHASE II STUDY - "AN ANALYSIS OF MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR THE USE OF CIVIL AIRLIFT AND RELATED RESOURCES" - PER SE. THESE ARE:

A. DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON PROGRAM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF WIDEBODIED CIVIL CARRIERS;

B. FORMATION OF A NATO-WIDE ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE TO PLAN FOR, MONITOR AND COORDINATE THE MOVEMENT OF REINFORCEMENTS BY AIR AND SEA;

C. STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF COORDINATING PLANS FOR THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION (WESTBOUND) OF US NATIONALS WITH REINFORCEMENT PLANNING (EASTBOUND);

D. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED IN NATO'S CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING PEACETIME STRUCTURE TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTERMODAL MOVEMENTS PLANNING REQUIRED OF SUCH STUDIES AS THE TRI-MNC'S PHASE II (SEA AND AIR) AND POSSIBLY IN PHASE III ("ORIGIN TO EDP").

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. US REP TO CAPC, SHAPE, USEUCOM AND MAC COORDINATE PREPARATIONS FOR FORTHCOMING CAPC APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED;

B. WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONSIDER WAYS TO LAUNCH INITIATIVES OUTLINED IN PARA 4 ABOVE. STRAUZ-HUPE

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